

ALASKA HAS HAD PROSPEROUS YEAR

Governor Clark Makes His Report to Secretary of Interior Fisher.

RAILROADS ARE NEEDED

He Also Deplores Failure to Open Fuel Resources to Development.

Washington, December 26.—Alaska has prospered in many respects during the last year, according to Governor Walter E. Clark, in his annual report submitted today to Secretary of the Interior Fisher. Governor Clark deprecates, however, the present lack of railroad construction and of cheap native fuel, declaring that proper development of the territory's resources demands adequate means of transportation and the opening up of the fuel resources.

He asserts that "the residents generally are willing to accept any measures which will cause the fuel resources to be opened to development, so much so that the comparative advantages of a fee system, a leasing plan or government operation have almost ceased to be matters of discussion."

A moderate decline in white population in the last two years he attributes to "diminished activity in placer mining in the interior valleys and in equal measure probably to inadequate land laws, to the remarkable public calamities which Alaska, which have kept capital without its borders, and to the failure of Congress to lend necessary means of encouragement to the development of the virgin region."

As to commerce between Alaska and the United States and with foreign countries, it was the largest last year in the history of the Territory, totaling almost \$3,000,000. Of this amount \$1,800,000 was of merchandise from the United States, \$1,000,000 above the previous record in 1911. Alaska shipped to the States \$12,300,000 worth of canned salmon and \$1,000,000 worth of other fish, \$5,000,000 worth of copper ore, \$17,200,000 worth of gold and other products, to a total value of more than \$38,000,000. Except for gold, these are record figures, the gold exports to the United States two years ago having exceeded \$18,000,000.

Nevada there was so great an increase in the salmon industry, a total of eighty-seven canneries being in operation, against fifty-four the year before. There were 14,500 persons engaged in the work, 18 per cent more than in 1911. Altogether there were 18,000 persons in the fishing industry, 15,000 of whom were whites, the others Indians, Chinese, Japanese, Filipinos, Mexicans and others. More than 300 whales were killed in the season. Governor Clark fears no depletion of the fish, provided the present protective laws are observed.

ORGANIST BUYS STOCK

Employee of "Millionaire's Church" Said to Have Taken 50,000 Shares.

New York, December 26.—Fifty thousand shares of Canadian mining stock, promoted by Julian Hawthorne, Joseph Quincy, Jr., William Morton and Albert Freeman, on trial in the Federal court on a charge of making fraudulent use of the mails, were purchased by "the organist of a millionaire's church in this city," according to alleged representations made to a stockholder who testified today.

Millionaires were purported to be shown through this organist to acquire control of blocks of iron stocks. Eugene C. Mowry declared on the stand, in telling of alleged inducements held out to him by Hawthorne and Freeman, Mowry said he asked Freeman what he meant by "a millionaire's church," and that Freeman replied:

"Mr. Rockefeller's church. Do you think a mere church organist has got enough money for that?" Freeman said to Mowry, the latter testified.

"Doesn't it look to you as if the millionaires were trying to break into this iron mine of ours and were operating through their church organist, because they are afraid we'll shut them out if they try to do it openly?" he said. He had made a personal investigation of the mines and knew they were valuable properties.

H. C. Smith, a mining engineer, testified he examined the silver mines of the Canadian Exploration Syndicate, a Hawthorne property, and found native silver in only five places. "If all the silver I saw in these five places was taken out of the mines and collected together it would make about two tea-spoonsful," declared the witness.

NO CONGESTION OF MAILS

Less Christmas Confusion in Post-Office Than Ever Before.

Washington, December 26.—Although the holiday mail is heavier in practically every section of the country than ever before, the work of handling it has been performed with less congestion and confusion than in previous years, according to reports received today by Postmaster-General Hitchcock.

Slight interruptions were reported in a few sections of the country on account of weather conditions, but aside from that there was no point in the service any congestion of the mails which was not under control.

A larger force than usual was put on this year to meet the Christmas mail in order that the capacity of the service could be tested in anticipation of the establishment of the parcel post, which becomes operative throughout the service January 1. The reports made to Mr. Hitchcock show that holiday mail was delivered early Christmas day, and conditions were generally normal throughout the service on Christmas night.

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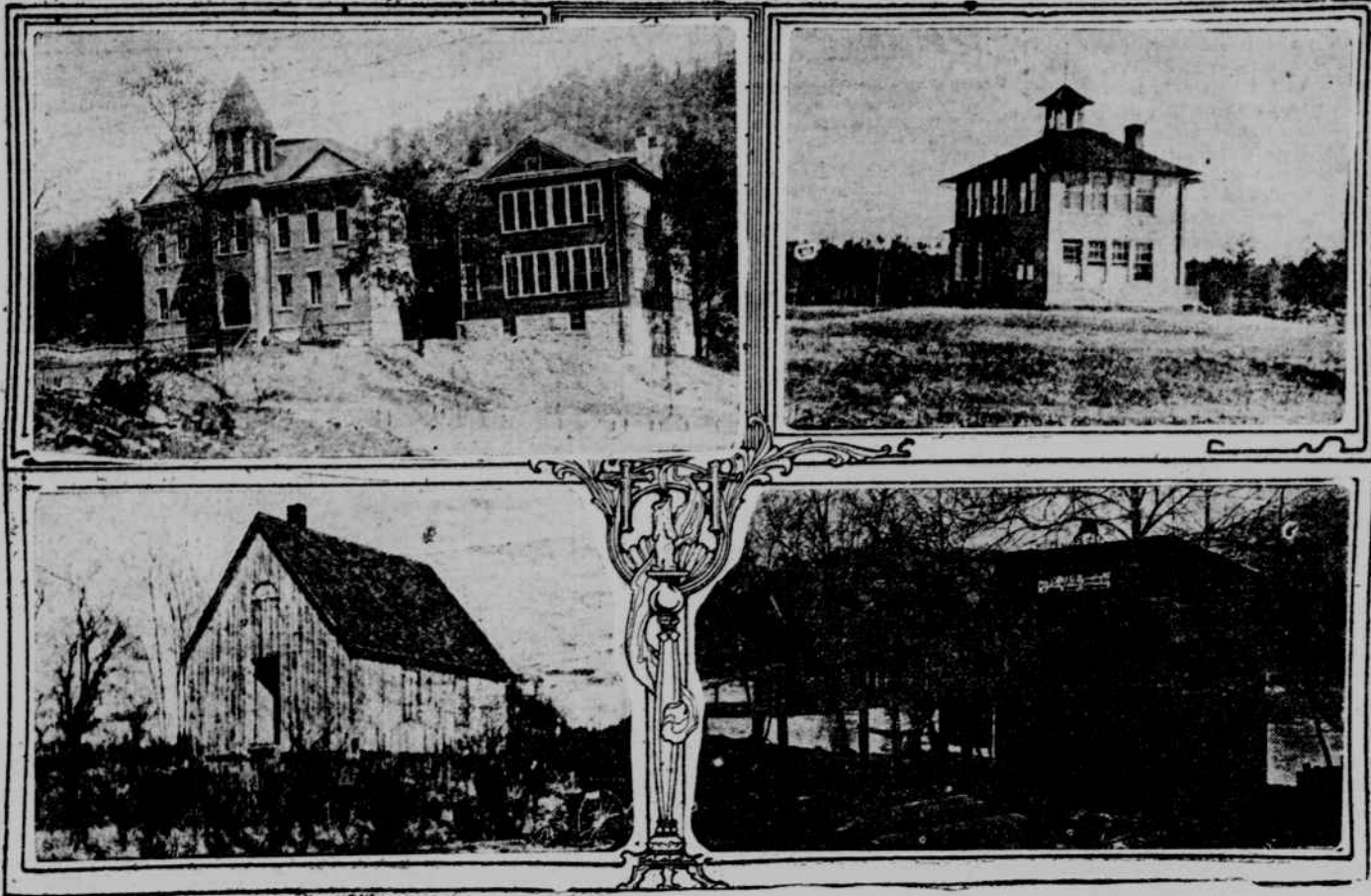
BAKING POWDER

Purest and most nutritious because scientifically compounded from the best and most wholesome ingredients.

Sanitary, because packed in air-tight cans. Economical, because it never fails. Best, but costs less.

All good Grocers sell it or will get it for you.

VIRGINIA'S SPLENDID SCHOOL BUILDINGS



APPALACHIA HIGH SCHOOL, WISE COUNTY.
OLD "LIBERTY" SCHOOL, CAROLINE COUNTY, VA.

NEW "LIBERTY" SCHOOL, CAROLINE COUNTY, VA.
CITY JAIL, APPALACHIA, WISE COUNTY.

ONE SCHOOLHOUSE BETTER THAN JAIL

Contrast in Appalachia—New and Old Caroline Schools.

"In many Virginia places the jails for the confinement of offenders against the law afford better accommodations than do the schoolhouses where the children are taught to become citizens. Such an expression has frequently been used by Joseph D. Eggleston, the retiring Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Recently, alighting from a train at Appalachia, the little mining town in Wise County where three railroads meet, Mr. Eggleston spied a shack labeled "City Jail." Then he saw the modern high school which the mountain citizens boast of. The effect was so contradictory to his frequent remark that he had pictures taken. The result is shown herewith.

The other pictures show the new and old "Liberty School" in Caroline County. The one-room building was formerly used as a school, and the other is the splendid new four-room consolidated school, made up of two or three little ones. The principal cost of construction was borne by private individuals.

TERMS OF ALLEGES CALLED ABSURD

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body, will take the offensive toward Philadelphopolis and Salomiki.

Who Is the "Admiral"?

Washington, December 26.—The "Admiral Buckman" who is mentioned in London dispatches as a retired American navy officer directing the naval campaign of the Turks is understood at the Navy Department to be a retired merchant skipper whose last service in this country was as one of the experts of the "Cramp shipbuilding concern," specially charged with the conduct of trial trips of the naval vessels.

It is known, however, that a Captain Ledbetter, a graduate of the Annapolis Naval Academy, has been connected with the Turkish navy for the last ten years. He was graduated from the Naval Academy in 1881 and was for a number of years in charge of the tug service at Panama.

The Turkish Proposals.

Constantinople, December 25.—According to Constantinople newspapers, the Turkish counter-proposal, which were forwarded by telegraph yesterday to the peace plenipotentiaries at London, comprise the maintenance of an effective sovereignty over the territory east of the line of demarcation between the Maritza River and the Black Sea, including Adrianople, while west of the line the government will be content with the recognition of Turkish sovereignty with an autonomous regime. The government, however, refuses to entertain any idea of pecuniary indemnity.

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MINIATURE ALMANAC.

December 27, 1912.

HIGH TIDE: Morning 5:47

Evening 5:14

Sum rises 4:25

Sun sets 4:57

News of South Richmond ARE CAMPAIGN PROMISES KEPT?

WILL WORK IN EARNEST

Prominent Citizens of Suburbs Will Push Annexation Question.

Now that peace and quiet has succeeded the gladsome Yuletide season, the citizens of the Southside suburban territory, which embraces Woodland Heights, Swansboro, Forest Hill and Oak Grove, are preparing to tackle the annexation problem in earnest. The enthusiastic meeting held in the Woodland Heights Baptist Church two weeks ago was a forerunner of many more. The next will probably be held in Swansboro during the latter part of next week. Other meetings will likewise be arranged for Forest Hill and Oak Grove.

The initial meeting brought forth a large number of prominent residents of each of the villages. Business Manager William T. Dabney, of the Chamber of Commerce, addressed the assembly and made a favorable impression. At his suggestion a petition asking this territory to be favorably considered for annexation to the city of Richmond was presented to the City Council. The petition was unanimously passed by a rising vote. Augustine Royall was chosen to present the paper to the City Council at the next regular meeting, which will be held January 3.

On all sides the question of annexation is being discussed. Very few opponents are to be found. The general opinion since consolidation is an example which is being held up. None of the suburbs, with the possible exception of Woodland Heights, has any permanent improvements, although two schools will be erected at a cost of \$10,000. Should the territory be taken in these buildings will be finished by the city, which will bear the whole cost.

Under the State law the tax levy in the annexed districts cannot be increased for five years except by issuing bonds up to 12 per cent of the assessed value of the property, the proceeds of which must be spent entirely within the annexed district for permanent improvements. Under the county gov-

THE WEATHER

Forecast: Virginia-North Carolina—Rain followed by clearing Friday; colder by night. Saturday fair and colder.

Special Local Data for Yesterday.

12 noon temperature 45
3 P. M. temperature 51
Maximum temperature up to 51
Minimum temperature up to 34
P. M. temperature 45
Mean temperature 45
Normal temperature 45
Normal temperature yesterday 45
Deduction in temperature since March 1 84
Deficiency in temperature since January 1 516
Deficiency in rainfall since March 1 8.42
Accum. deficiency in rainfall since January 1 8.26
Local Observation 8 P. M. Yesterday.
Temperature 45
Humidity 45
Wind-direction 0
Wind-velocity 0
Weather Clear
Rainfall last 12 hours 0

CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES.

Place	Ther. H.T. L.T.	Weather
Atlanta	48 52 32	Cloudy
Boston	42 48 32	Cloudy
Buffalo	40 48 32	Cloudy
Calgary	38 48 28	P. cloudy
Charleston	62 62 54	Rain
Chicago	34 38 22	Cloudy
Denver	38 42 28	Cloudy
Hatteras	58 62 46	Rain
Havre	42 46 38	Cloudy
Jacksonville	60 68 48	Clear
Kansas City	40 48 32	Cloudy
Leavenworth	40 48 32	Rain
Montgomery	48 52 42	Cloudy
New Orleans	60 64 54	Cloudy
New York	42 48 32	Cloudy
Norfolk	52 58 42	Cloudy
Oklahoma	32 44 38	Clear
Pittsburgh	42 48 32	Cloudy
Raleigh	48 52 42	Cloudy
St. Louis	42 48 32	Cloudy
St. Paul	14 24 14	Clear
San Francisco	52 54 44	Clear
Savannah	60 62 54	Rain
Spokane	38 42 28	P. cloudy
Tampa	64 74 58	Cloudy
Washington	44 50 38	Rain
Winnipeg	14 16 10	Cloudy
Wytheville	38 42 28	Cloudy

Drunk Surrenders to Police.

Realizing that his condition would land him behind the bars, and not caring for a ride in the patrol, even if it is an innovation to Southsiders, Andrew Hubbard last night walked into the Third Station and surrendered himself to Captain J. A. Lipscomb. A charge of being drunk and unable to care for himself was lodged against the man.

With Justice Maurice.

A small after-Christmas docket was called yesterday morning by Justice H. A. Maurice in Police Court, Part II. The three cases were disposed of in exactly five minutes.

B. Burk, charged with being drunk in his boarding house, quickly produced \$2.50 and costs, which were assessed against him.

To Try Syrian To-Day.

James Kouri, a Syrian, will be placed on trial this morning in the Swansboro court on a charge of felonious shooting. He is charged with having dangerously wounded Abraham Watkins, a colored freeman, at the Davis Brick Yard where both were employed. The affair occurred last week.

Kouri after the shooting escaped and was captured Sunday night. Watkins will probably be able to attend court to-day. "If he does not the case will be continued," Squire S. G. Cowan, of Bon Air, will sit, in the absence of Magistrate L. W. Cheatham.

Mrs. Laura Frances Sneed.

The funeral of Mrs. Laura Frances Sneed, widow of J. H. Sneed, who died yesterday morning at 4:30 o'clock in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Drumheller, 583 Porter Street, will be held this afternoon at 3 o'clock from the home. The services will be conducted by Rev. W. B. Ball, pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church.

Mrs. Sneed was sixty-eight years old and had been in failing health for some time. She is survived by the following children: Mrs. W. S. Lowry; Mrs. T. H. Smith, Misses Iris V. and Florence Sneed, of this city, and Ernest Sneed, of Newport News. She also leaves the following step-children: Mrs. F. W. Longworth, of Columbus, Ohio; Mrs. F. E. Drumheller, of this city; Rev. Charles T. Sneed, of Edna, Tenn.; W. H. Sneed, and R. W. Sneed, of Fride, W. Va.

Funeral of Mrs. E. A. Crowe.

The funeral of Mrs. E. A. Crowe, who died Christmas morning at the home of her son, W. F. Res, 1604 Porter Street, will be held yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the Venable Street Baptist Church. The interment was in Oakwood.

Personal Mention.

Miss Rebecca Garmond, of Alexandria, is the guest of Miss Bernice Kelly, of West Thirteenth Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Shipley and daughter, Bernice, of Baltimore, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Blankenship.

Oliver Burris, who has been spending the holidays with Southside relatives, left last night for Roanoke.

Mrs. L. V. Hawthorn, of 2111 Fairfax Avenue, is spending the holidays with relatives in Norfolk.

At Denton Street Church.

A Christmas entertainment will be given to-night at the Denton Street Baptist Church by the children of the Sunday school. An excellent program, consisting of readings, recitations, vocal and instrumental selections, has been arranged.

Junk Firm Gets Coffer.

Washington, December 25.—The bid of a Seattle junk firm of \$3,300 for the condemned revenue cutter Rush has been accepted and it is expected she will be broken up. She is a wooden vessel built on this coast in 1824, and had patrolled Behring Sea each summer for many years.

ARE CAMPAIGN PROMISES KEPT?

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Object of a City.

Speaking before the East End Progressive League on August 25, Mr. Folkes said: "Conducting a city's affairs is not altogether on the same plane with the business of a corporation. The object of a corporation is to make money—of a city to add to the convenience, happiness and prosperity of its people." Before the East End Citizens' Association on August 27, Mr. Hirschberg told of plans for a free viaduct over Grace Street from Convent Hill to the rear of the Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Folkes, at the City Auditorium on September 7, said: "This board should hear every day all complaints filed with its clerk, and consider the demands of all citizens. On the same occasion, Mr. Hirschberg said that he was a candidate of all the people, not of a clique. 'They say I am young,' he said. 'What difference does it make how young a man is so that he gives you results? I have not been lucky enough to have a large business of my own or to inherit a large estate. Give John Hirschberg a chance.'

The day after the primary Mr. Folkes issued this statement:

"I heartily thank my fellow citizens for the support they have given me in the election just closed. I shall repay the people of Richmond for the honor they have conferred upon me by a faithful discharge of the duties of my new office. I entertain the highest regard for the men who have been selected to serve with me, and will co-operate with them to secure an efficient administration."

A Careful Administration.

Mr. Whittey issued this statement following his election:

"I thank my good, loyal friends for their earnest work in my behalf. I feel the heavy responsibility of my new office, and want to assure every man who voted for me, as well as the large number who did not, that I shall take up my new duties with nothing but good will to the entire city, and will seek to be an unbiased and careful administrator of the city's affairs."

In his platform furnished to the News Leader on July 21, Mr. Whittey urged a well defined plan for permanent improvements, particularly regarding streets, parks and alleys, discouraging makeshifts of a temporary nature, and the scattered methods of street betterment, which, he stated, have "so long prevailed, resulting in great loss to our city and largely to the present cumbersome form of government. I will insist," he said, "upon the absolute co-ordination of all the administrative departments. Such a course, I am of opinion, would save thousands of dollars annually."

Publicity and Merit System.

Among the planks in the platform furnished to the News Leader on July 21, by Mr. Folkes were the following: "The widest publicity of the fixed charges of the city at the first of the year, and then as the board directs of the lump-sum appropriations—the widest possible publicity the press will give to each new item of expenditure. The adoption by the Administrative Board of a rule that in the division of the 'lump-sum' appropriations there must be at least four votes recorded in favor of such expenditure for each item. This will ward lines as near as they can be killed."

"The advancement of employees in the city government's various departments on the merit system only, the new employees to start at the bottom of the departments."

As a reason for his election, Mr. Folkes said: "I believe that should I be elected, I have the ability to carry out the spirit as well as the letter of the Administrative Board's plan."

Two negroes, George Johnson and John Smith, were caught robbing the Atlantic Coast Line commissary, in Dinwiddie County, night before last.

Suspected of Larceny.

Charles Tice, a colored man, was arrested last night by Officer Napier and locked up at the First Police Station.

Roupe Harvest of Boadie.

Little Jones, alias Rebecca Cox, colored, was arrested last night and lodged in the First Police Station on the charge of stealing a roupe out of personal property valued at \$350. She will be tried in Police Court this morning.

PETERSBURG HAS MORNING BLAZE

Three-Story Brick Building Practically Destroyed by Flames.

ITS ORIGIN UNKNOWN

Most of Contents Moved, and Loss Will Not Be Heavy.

The Times-Dispatch Bureau, 3 Bollingbrook Street (Telephone 1453), Petersburg, Va., December 26.

The three-story brick building fronting on Bollingbrook and running half-way back to Lombard Street was practically destroyed by fire this morning shortly after 2 o'clock. The good work of the department prevented what might have been a serious conflagration. The building is the property of Councilman O. W. Satter and was until recently occupied by the Union Transfer and Cab Company. Fortunately, all of the company's horses, carriages and other vehicles were some time ago transferred to the stables on Lombard Street, and there was no loss of any of these. Mr. Satter, however, lost a fine automobile, which was housed at the rear of the building, and a number of things stored on the second floor. The fire originated on the second floor in the rear of the building, but from what cause is not known. The company's books and furniture in the office on Bollingbrook Street were saved. On the first floor were stored many crates of bottles, the property of the Jefferson Liquor Company, which were more or less broken and damaged. The damage by the fire has not been estimated, but the loss is said to be covered by insurance.

Stable and Mule Burned.

The stable on the premises of H. L. Beck, in Blandford, was destroyed by fire and a mule stalled therein was burned to death last night between 9 and 10 o'clock. How the fire originated is not known. Everything in the stable was burned, and there was but little insurance.

Christmas Weddings.

Last evening at 7 o'clock at the residence of the Rev. F. W. Moore, of the Second Baptist Church, Miss Martha Dawkins and Charles S. Vaughan, both of Chesterfield, were united in marriage. Miss Ella Vaughan, sister of the bridegroom, was maid of honor, and Lee Mayer was best man.

Yesterday morning at the home of the bride's parents on Farmer Street, Miss Sarah Gertrude, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Andrews, was married to James Claude Hall, of the Rev. A. B. Love, of the Rev. Myrtle Andrews, sister of the bride, attended as maid of honor, and Edgar Thomas was best man.

At 9 o'clock Christmas morning, in the home of the bride on Grove Avenue, Miss Lucy J. McJee was married to Nathaniel E. Hall, the Rev. W. H. Atwell performing the ceremony in the presence of many friends.

This morning at the residence of the bride's parents on Bank Street, Miss Edith H. Sadler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sadler, of this city, and Norman Wade, of Ettrick, were united in marriage. The Rev. Mr. Watkins, of Ettrick, M. E. Church, officiating.

Yesterday afternoon, in the parlors of the parsonage of the First Baptist Church, Miss Ada Alice Williams and Robert E. Fields were married by the Rev. L. M. Roper, D. D.

Last evening at 8 o'clock, at the residence of the Rev. L. M. Roper, on Adams Street, who performed the ceremony, Miss Maxmora Harris and James Worrell were married.

Interesting House Party.

Miss Mary Willson Roper will entertain a house party for a few days at her home on South Sycamore Street. The guests will be Miss Nell Carlington and Miss Marye Reynolds, of Lexington, Va.; Miss Marie Mahone, of Norfolk; Allen Valentine and Thomas Stagg, of Richmond; Edwin Graham, of Baltimore; Captain Martin Parker, of Old Point; Saunders Wright, of Norfolk, and J. R. Finch, of Newport News.

New Trunk and Bag Company.

A new company to manufacture trunks and bags has been organized, to begin business the first of the year. The firm will be Rogers Brothers & Kevan, consisting of Brooks Rogers, who has resigned the presidency of the Petersburg Trunk and Bag Company, and Miss Marye Reynolds, of Lexington, Va. The plant for the present will be established on Pine Street. The members of the firm are all young men, all well and widely known in business, and all experienced in the business in which they are about to engage. They have traveled the country over as salesmen. Brooks Rogers and Mr. Kevan will travel for the new firm.

As it is understood that all of the present trunk and bag plants will be consolidated in business after the first of the New Year, the new concern will be the only independent one in the city.

Personal and Otherwise.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Fowlkes, whose home is in the lower part of Nottoway County, celebrated their crystal wedding Monday evening and had a large number of friends to participate in the pleasure of the occasion.

Two negroes, George Johnson and John Smith, were caught robbing the Atlantic Coast Line commissary, in Dinwiddie County, night before last.

Arrested for Accident.

Cecil Long, the 23-year-old chauffeur who was driving the automobile which recently ran down Maxwell Plumbers, was arrested yesterday by Motorville Officer C. R. Sumner. He will be arraigned in Police Court this morning.

A Wise Expenditure of Your Christmas Money

Use it as the first payment on a piano. We handle an unusually fine line of the best pianos on the market—instruments that have for years been recognized as the leading pianos in their respective classes.

Stocks are still large, and an extensive assortment of the various styles await your selection.

Walter D. Moses & Co.

193 E. Broad Street.

Oldest Music House in Virginia and North Carolina.

by the colored watchman, who marched them to the jail in this city.

The three Masonic lodges in this city will unite to-morrow evening in the celebration of St. John the Baptist day. The ceremonies will be under the auspices of Blandford Lodge No. 3. After the ceremonies in the lodge room a banquet will be spread, and there will be several speeches.

Appreciating his labors in their behalf, the members of the fire department yesterday presented Councilman F. G. Stratton a handsome cane.

A Christmas tree entertainment was given to-night at their hall on High Street by the Salvation Army for the poor children. There were interesting exercises, and presents were distributed to all the children present.

The inmates of the Central State Hospital were entertained to-day with music, singing and dancing, in which they took part.

The People's Saving Bank has declared a dividend of 5 per cent on its earnings for the present year.

Frank Taylor, of Roanoke, Peter Taylor, of Tennessee, and Samuel Taylor, of Richmond, all old Petersburg boys, are in the city to spend the holidays with friends.

The Christmas celebration was remarkably free from accidents, only one or two trivial ones having occurred.

WOOD PLANNING GREAT PAGEANT

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season. It undoubtedly will be oversubscribed.

Prepare to Escort Wilson.

Princeton, N. J., December 26.—Down Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington as he rides with President Taft, President-elect Wilson, probably will be escorted in the inaugural parade by sixty of his fellow townsfolk and neighbors. Members of Company I, Second Regiment of the New Jersey National Guard, already are getting new uniforms and preparing to participate in the parade as the personal escort of Mr. Wilson. This company was formed here by Colonel William Libbey, Princeton '77, now a member of the Governor's staff. In the parade two years ago, when Mr. Wilson became Governor, they served as his personal escort.

Marcus Farr, Princeton '92, and a professor of geology in the University, is captain of the company, and it is